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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 542

November 24, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives EDMING, PETRYK, ALLEN, BERCEAU, R. BROOKS, BROSTOFF, HORLACHER, T. LARSON, MACCO, MILROY, A. OTT, RIEMER, SINICKI and SKOWRONSKI, cosponsored by Senators PETROWSKI, CARPENTER, DARLING, HARSDOFF, MARKLEIN, MOULTON, RINGHAND, L. TAYLOR, VINEHOUT and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.485 (2) (tf); and **to create** 45.46 of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** a nonprofit organization grant program administered by the Department of
3 Veterans Affairs and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a grant program administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). Under the bill, DVA may make up to a total of \$250,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations that provide financial assistance or other services to veterans and their families. A nonprofit organization may receive up to \$25,000 in grants under this program.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.485 (2) (tf) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act 190,
5 is amended to read:
6 20.485 (2) (tf) Veterans tuition reimbursement program; grants to nonprofit
7 organizations that serve veterans and their families. Biennially, the amounts in the

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1 schedule for the veterans tuition reimbursement program under s. 45.20 (2) and for
2 grants to nonprofit organizations under s. 45.46. Notwithstanding s. 20.001 (3) (a),
3 the department may encumber moneys under this appropriation for the biennium
4 up to 60 days after the end of that biennium if an estimate is first submitted to the
5 department of administration showing the amounts that will be encumbered during
6 that 60-day period.

7 **SECTION 2.** 45.46 of the statutes is created to read:

8 **45.46 Grants to nonprofit organizations that serve veterans and their**
9 **families.** From the appropriation under s. 20.485 (2) (tf), the department may make
10 grants of up to a total of \$250,000 to nonprofit organizations, as defined in s. 108.02
11 (19), and no more than \$25,000 to each grant recipient to provide financial assistance
12 or other services to veterans and their dependents.

13 (END)